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- The Andar Company, Ltd., * sells most of its merchandise below cost. To date, the Company has been unsuccessful in its efforts to push the sale of Tsingtac beer, a product of North China. CHUANG Shih-ping, + the manager of the Hong Kong office of the Andar Company, recently arrived in Bangkok to attempt to revive the Company's lagging sales.
- 2. The Andar Company had an account at the Bangkok Bank in the name of Kow Kiek (Koa Kiaw, Koa Kiek, Joh Jiek), one of the Company's directors. Collection of Andar's accounts receivable from Hong Kong debtors is marked by lengthy delays and many Bangkok creditors of the Company are unable to collect bills owed them.
- At present, Andar has less then 100 baht on deposit at the Bangkok Bank. It is believed that the firm may have transferred its funds to the Union Bank of Bangkok in a hidden account.
- A movie theater at Luang Bridge, in the vicinity of the Hualampong Railway Station, has accepted new shareholders from the Tai Chong Book Shop.** This theater is showing Communist movies which are secured from the Andar

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For previous information on the Andar Company see Background information on CHUANG Shih-ping, who

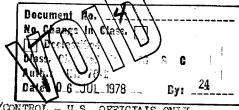
has also been reported as CHIANG Shih-ping, is contained in a 25X1A

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Comment. The Tai Chong (Tah Choon Ung Fah) Book Shop is reportedly an outlet for Communist propaganda in Thailand.

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